

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§25–2603.

(a) (1) If a person is charged with violating § 25–2708 of this title or with selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual who is under the age of 21 years or visibly under the influence of alcoholic beverages, in violation of § 6–304 or § 6–307 of this article, a search warrant to be directed by the chief of police shall be issued for the building or vehicle in which the violation allegedly occurred.

(2) A search warrant under this section may be issued by:

(i) the District Court on request of a person who charges before the District Court that a violation has occurred; or

(ii) the circuit court, on request of a grand jury.

(3) If a violation is found, the chief of police shall keep as evidence:

(i) all liquor found in quantities and under conditions to indicate that it is kept for barter, sale, or gift to an individual under the age of 21 years;

(ii) the materials and instrumentalities for manufacturing, dispensing, transporting, or otherwise disposing of the liquor; and

(iii) the paraphernalia of a barroom or saloon.

(b) (1) The chief of police shall report the facts of the violation in writing to the State's Attorney for the county.

(2) Any alcoholic beverages or the materials and instrumentalities for manufacturing, transporting, dispensing, or otherwise disposing of alcoholic beverages or the paraphernalia of a barroom or saloon is prima facie evidence of the violation of § 25–2708 of this subtitle or § 6–304, § 6–307, or § 6–309 of this article.

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